

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(cancelled).

2(cancelled).

3(cancelled).

4(cancelled).

5(cancelled).

6(cancelled).

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

9(cancelled).

10(cancelled).

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11(currently amended). A self-retaining, injection molded and heat expandable sealant wherein the sealant comprises [comprising] a compressible protuberance dimensioned for insertion into a member to be sealed and at least two extensions that extend along at least a portion of an exterior surface of the member to be sealed.

12(currently amended). A heat expandable composition comprising [a combination comprising at least one basic polymer comprising] styrene butadiene rubber, [at least one supplemental polymer comprising] ethyl vinyl acetate, at least one expansion agent, at least one catalyst [and], at least one filler and combinations thereof, wherin the composition is substantially free of ionomeric compounds.

13(currently amended). The expandable composition of Claim 1 further comprising [at least one fastener and] at least one opening.

14(previously amended). A method for sealing comprising:
providing a sealant having a three-dimensional configuration that defines at least one protuberance, at least one opening and at least two extensions, compression fitting at least a portion of said protuberance into a member to be sealed wherein said at least two extensions extend along an exterior of the member to be sealed; and,
heating under conditions sufficient to expand said sealant thereby providing a seal and at least partially embedding the member to be sealed in said sealant.

15(cancelled).

16(cancelled).

17(cancelled).

18(cancelled).

19(cancelled).

20(cancelled).

21(cancelled).

22(cancelled).

23(previously submitted). The method of Claim 14 wherein said member to be sealed comprises at least one automotive component.

24(previously submitted). The method of Claim 23 wherein said automotive component comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an A-pillar, B-pillar or C-pillar.

25(currently amended). The method of Claim 23 whercin the sealant comprises the sealant [composition of any one of] Claim[s 1, 2 or] 12 or 26.

26(new). An automotive cavity sealant comprising a heat expandable composition wherein a first portion of the expandable composition is configured to maintain the sealant in a fixed position adjacent to the member to be sealed and at least two other portions of the expandable composition that extend along an exterior surface of the member to be sealed.

Emended
27(new). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 wherein the sealant is self-retaining.

28(new). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 whercin the first portion defines a gripping portion

29(new). The automotive cavity sealant of Claim 26 wherein the first portion comprises a fastener that is compressed within the member to be sealed.

30(new). An automotive sealant comprising first and second portions wherein the first portion is inserted into the member to be sealed and the second portion extends along an exterior surface of the member to be sealed and whercin all portions of the sealant comprise a heat expandable composition.